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Minority Leader Williams Warns Republican to Get Busy.

Washington, Mar. 25.—If Mr. John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader, makes good his warning given in the House of Representatives to-day the Republicans will be forced to pass certain legislation or else meet with obstruction at every turn by him or Democratic colleagues.

Mr. Williams declared that up to now the Republicans had had smooth sailing. He did not want the country to think that the minority was trying to assume responsibility for legislation. He did not desire to appear as trying to coerce the majority, until the Republicans had absolutely "demonstrated before the country that they did not intend to do anything at this session."

He had, he said, waited for the Republicans to do something. "I have finally come to the conclusion that the Republican party has forgotten to do anything. It has become the party of negation and of passivity and, as far as I can see, has no idea of doing anything. It is plain now that without some method of parliamentary coercion you are going to be deaf to every demand of the country."

Georgia Town Destroyed by Cyclone.

Bainbridge, Ga., March 25.—The town of Lynn, six miles from here, was completely destroyed by a cyclone early this morning.

Two persons were killed, Jim Wright, colored, and a child of Major Lyles.

A number of others were injured, including Boze and Pete Hatcher, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Blanche Minns, Miss George Williams, Miss Kate Arline and Mrs. William Lynn.

The costly home of Mr. Bailey was picked up and carried ten feet. Every dwelling, tenant house, barn and store house were destroyed and all the contents ruined.

One little child was blown out into the woods. The track of the cyclone was 400 yards wide and two miles long.

Cyclone in this State.

Pinewood special in the News and Courier: A cyclone passed through here last night about 8 o'clock doing considerable damage. Several out houses were demolished, and the Methodist Church was badly damaged. A negro house was lifted from its pillars and left the occupants unhurt.

Fleet to Visit China.

Washington, March 25.—The battleship fleet will visit China as well as Australia and Japan and will be home on Washington's birthday that President Roosevelt may participate in the welcome before his retirement from office 10 days later.

Judge Pritchard Asked to Reverse Himself.

Yesterday's State: Motion will be made before Judge Pritchard today in Asheville for a revocation of the order recently issued by him appointing receivers for the state dispensary fund. The motion is made on the recent decision by the State Supreme Court, which upheld the contention of the attorney general and others that the state had jurisdiction over the money. This was a test case in the state courts and will be used in the argument before Judge Pritchard.

Dangerous to Monkey with Jury.

Columbia State: The supreme court yesterday rendered an important decision as to the punishment for contempt proceedings following an attempt to influence a juror in a trial.

When the jurors were drawn in Laurens county for the trial of Wash Hunter, charged with murder, Ludie J. Moore and T. J. Blalock approached J. K. Templeton, a juror, and asked him if he was not friendly to Hunter and would he not consider this should he be selected in the trial. Templeton replied that he knew nothing of the case and afterwards reported it to the presiding judge who issued a rule to show cause why Moore and Blalock should not be punished for contempt.

The report was made at the next session before Judge Gary who imposed fines of \$50 upon each of the men. The supreme court sustained this fine, holding that any attempt to influence a juror even if not within the precincts of the court was contempt. The fines, therefore, are imposed.

Killing in Georgia.

Cochran, Ga., March 26.—Ash Rosier shot and killed Charles Dixon here yesterday about 1:30 the result of family troubles. He had asked Dixon to keep away from his home. Yesterday he went home and met Dixon coming away. Both men began shooting. Rosier was hit in the thigh. Dixon died of the wounds he received. Dixon lived about five miles in the country. Rosier recently moved here and is a good, law-abiding citizen.

Diplomat Dies of Wound.

San Francisco, March 26.—D. W. Stevens, the American diplomat and adviser of Korean council of state, who was shot last Monday, succumbed to his wounds today. Death was directly due to peritonitis, which set in. The Korean student who did the shooting is locked up.

—Dr. Teal carried Mr. R. E. Sowell over to Columbia last week to undergo an operation for appendicitis. The operation has been performed and Mr. Sowell is doing nicely.—Chesterfield Advertiser.

Conductor Killed by Alleged Tramp Who Succumbs to Former's Bullet.

Augusta, Ga., March 25.—An official report received at the offices of the Charleston & Western Carolina Railroad states that Conductor C. D. Swink, in charge of a combination train between Anderson and McCormick, S. C., was shot to death this afternoon near Lowndesville by a tramp by the name of Brock.

Swink caught Brock beating a ride and forced him to pay fare to Calhoun Falls. At that point Brock got off the train and began abusing Swink. Swink struck at the tramp, who drew a revolver and shot, the bullet going through Swink's heart. After being wounded and before falling Swink pulled his revolver and fired two shots at the tramp, one bullet taking effect and inflicting a serious wound.

Brock has been captured and taken to the Abbeville jail.

Columbia, S. C.—A special to The State from Abbeville tonight says that John Brock, the Anderson man who was wounded by Conductor C. D. Swink before he fell dead, died there at 8:15 o'clock tonight.

Wreck in this State.

Columbia Record: Local freight train, No. 41, of the Southern railway, between Columbia and Allendale, was wrecked this morning at 9 o'clock at the 114 mile post, four miles south of Cayce, and a colored laborer, Oscar Etheridge, was killed, and four persons were injured.

Another Fatal Rifle Accident.

Sumter special in The State: Young Harold McFaddin, aged 10 years, who was accidentally shot at Sardinia Monday by a rifle in the hands of young Garland, his playmate, and who was brought to Sumter hospital Monday, died yesterday afternoon. The bullet was a .22 calibre and entered the abdomen, penetrating to the kidneys.

Tobacco Goes Up in Smoke.

Covington, Ky., March 26.—The big tobacco warehouses of T. H. Hamilton and a dozen residences were destroyed by fire at 3:30 o'clock this morning. The total loss will be \$200,000.

There is little doubt that the fire was incendiary and another achievement of the Kentucky "Night Riders." Thousands of pounds of tobacco in the process of manufacture was in the warehouse and burned for an hour until totally destroyed.

—The National Council Daughters of America has paid the claim of \$250 under policy carried by Mrs. Dabney, wife of the Rev. T. A. Dabney, and the Lancaster Council No. 4 of same order and the Juniors have paid the funeral benefits, making a total of \$280.

Two Killed in R. R. Cut.

Wilson, N. C., special in Charlotte Observer: Last night Sam Roberts and Turner Bailey, both young white men, were killed about eight miles west of here by a Norfolk & Southern passenger train. Roberts and Bailey left here during the afternoon, both under the influence of whiskey, and got off at the first station and started to walk down the railroad track to their homes. They were killed in a deep cut.

Senator Tillman's Condition --Improves but Slowly.

The State of Thursday: The condition of Senator B. R. Tillman is not alarming, according to his physician, but it is not thought that he will be able to return to the senate this session.

In response to an inquiry Dr. T. J. Hunter, Senator Tillman's physician, wired The State at 9:45 last evening as follows:

"There is nothing alarming in Senator Tillman's condition. Left off anodyne last night for first time since he has been sick, and he did not rest as he has been. He has been somewhat depressed to-day. He has developed no organic symptoms at all. His trouble is purely functional. His improvement has not been as rapid as I first expected. Don't think he will be able to return to the senate this session."

The following was received from The State's Trenton correspondent yesterday afternoon:

"Senator Tillman is slowly improving. Has only been up once and has very little control of himself while standing. It is thought he is in need of a complete rest."

What Tillman Thinks of His Condition.

Trenton special in yesterday's State: Senator Tillman walked in his yard today for the first time, though he has been up. He does not think he is improving, but his relatives and friends are very much encouraged. The senator seems blue about himself.

Farnum Surrenders.

Columbia, S. C. March 26.—James M. Farnum, for whose arrest a warrant was issued over two months ago charging violation of the dispensary law and who left the State the same day, surrendered here to-day and was released under \$10,000 bond.

Gasoline Explosion.

Tampa, Fla., March 26.—The explosion of gasoline at Egmont Key, upon which Fort De Soto is located, last night resulted in the destruction of three buildings at Pilot station, probably fatal burning of Mark Ryan, a soldier, and serious burning of Capt. Ira Washington, a pilot.

Mr. John S. Riddle arrived here yesterday afternoon, to spend a day or two with his family.

Negroes Want to Lynch Negro for Murdering His Wife.

Augusta, Ga., March 26.—A Chronicle special from Granite Hill, Ga., says: A posse of negroes is chasing Porter Cooper near here with the determination of lynching him for the brutal murder of his wife.

Monday night Cooper dismembered the body, carried the parts into the woods and buried them, after which he burned the house to hide the evidence of his crime. After crushing the woman's skull he almost severed the head from the body with a knife, chopped the body in two with an axe just above the hips, and cut the lower limbs apart. Several pieces were put into a crocus sack and the bundle buried in the woods some distance from the house.

Cooper made his escape but it is reported tonight that a posse of negroes has formed and is searching the woods for him. Excitement is high among them and they are determined to lynch him if he is captured.

Oak Ridge Items.

As I never see anything in your valuable paper from this part of the county, thought I would give you a few items.

Most of the farmers of this community did a good deal of plowing, before the recent rains, planting spring oats and preparing the land for another crop.

The patrons of Oak Ridge school have planted out a number of shade trees on the yard which adds much to the appearance of the building.

Miss Jeanette Roddey, the beautiful and accomplished teacher of this place, spent last Saturday and Sunday with her friend, Miss Louise Taylor, near Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bowers visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cauthen, of Dry Creek, last Sunday.

Mr. Jesse Bowers and his handsome bride, of Heath Spring, will move into his elegant dwelling in a few days. We are glad to welcome them in this community.

Mr. Barber Adams, of the Lancaster Cotton Mill village, spent last Sunday with Mr. J. B. Vaughan.

—Bachelor.

Row in Republican Convention.

Nashville, Tenn., March 26.—Republicans of Tennessee assembled here this morning for a State convention. To-night black eyes, skinned heads and bruised faces testify to riot that marked the gathering in the hall of the House of Representatives at the capitol. In the list of casualties, Chairman Newell Sanders, of the State executive committee figures prominently. The fight occurred between the supporters of Congressman W. P. Brownlow and those of former Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay Evans.